

### The Birth of Solomon (c. 994 BC)

2 Samuel 12:24b–25

24b and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him  
25 and sent *word* through Nathan the prophet, and he named him Jedidiah for the LORD's sake.

### David's Sons Born at Jerusalem (c. 1003 – c. 990 BC)

2 Samuel 5:13–16

13 Meanwhile David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.  
14 Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,  
15 Ibhar, Elishua,  
Nepheg, Japhia,  
16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

1 Chronicles 14:3–7

3 Then David took more wives at Jerusalem,  
and David became the father of more sons and daughters.  
4 These are the names of the children born *to him* in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,  
5 Ibhar, Elishua,  
Elpelet,  
6 Nogah,  
Nepheg, Japhia,  
7 Elishama, Beeliada and Eliphelet.

### Saul's Blood-guilt Brings Famine upon Israel (c. 995 – c. 992 BC)

2 Samuel 21:1–14

1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David sought the presence of the LORD. And the LORD said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death."  
2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the sons of Israel made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).  
3 Thus David said to the Gibeonites, "What should I do for you? And how can I make atonement that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"  
4 Then the Gibeonites said to him, "We have no *concern* of silver or gold with Saul or his house, nor is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "I will do for you whatever you say."  
5 So they said to the king, "The man who consumed us and who planned to exterminate us from remaining within any border of Israel,  
6 let seven men from his sons be given to us, and we will hang them before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give *them*."  
7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the oath of the LORD which was between them, between David and Saul's son Jonathan.  
8 So the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, Armoni and Mephibosheth whom she had borne to Saul, and the five sons of Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she had borne to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite.  
9 Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until it rained on them from the sky; and she allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 When it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done,  
12 then David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the open square of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them on the day the Philistines struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13 He brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there, and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged.

14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the grave of Kish his father; thus they did all that the king commanded, and after that God was moved by prayer for the land.

## O God of Our Salvation (c. 995 – c. 992 BC)

### Psalm 65

*For the choir director.*

#### **A Psalm of David. A Song.**

- 1 There will be silence before You, *and* praise in Zion, O God,  
And to You the vow will be performed.
- 2 O You who hear prayer,  
To You all men come.
- 3 Iniquities prevail against me;  
As for our transgressions, You forgive them.
- 4 How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near *to You*  
To dwell in Your courts.  
We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,  
Your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome *deeds* You answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
You who are the trust of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest sea;
- 6 Who establishes the mountains by His strength,  
Being girded with might;
- 7 Who stills the roaring of the seas,  
The roaring of their waves,  
And the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 They who dwell in the ends *of the earth* stand in awe of Your signs;  
You make the dawn and the sunset shout for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and cause it to overflow;  
You greatly enrich it;  
The stream of God is full of water;  
You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth.
- 10 You water its furrows abundantly,  
You settle its ridges,  
You soften it with showers,  
You bless its growth.
- 11 You have crowned the year with Your bounty,  
And Your paths drip *with* fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness drip,  
And the hills gird themselves with rejoicing.

13 The meadows are clothed with flocks  
And the valleys are covered with grain;  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

### O LORD My God, You Are Very Great (c. 995 – c. 992 BC)

#### Psalm 104

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, You are very great;  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
2 Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak,  
Stretching out heaven like a *tent* curtain.  
3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;  
He makes the clouds His chariot;  
He walks upon the wings of the wind;  
4 He makes the winds His messengers,  
Flaming fire His ministers. [[Heb 1:7](#)]  
5 He established the earth upon its foundations,  
So that it will not totter forever and ever.  
6 You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
The waters were standing above the mountains.  
7 At Your rebuke they fled,  
At the sound of Your thunder they hurried away.  
8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down  
To the place which You established for them.  
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass over,  
So that they will not return to cover the earth.  
10 He sends forth springs in the valleys;  
They flow between the mountains;  
11 They give drink to every beast of the field;  
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
12 Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;  
They lift up *their* voices among the branches.  
13 He waters the mountains from His upper chambers;  
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of His works.  
14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,  
And vegetation for the labor of man,  
So that he may bring forth food from the earth,  
15 And wine which makes man's heart glad,  
So that he may make *his* face glisten with oil,  
And food which sustains man's heart.  
16 The trees of the LORD drink their fill,  
The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,  
17 Where the birds build their nests,  
*And* the stork, whose home is the fir trees.  
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
The cliffs are a refuge for the shephanim.  
19 He made the moon for the seasons;  
The sun knows the place of its setting.

- 20 You appoint darkness and it becomes night,  
In which all the beasts of the forest prowl about.
- 21 The young lions roar after their prey  
And seek their food from God.
- 22 *When* the sun rises they withdraw  
And lie down in their dens.
- 23 Man goes forth to his work  
And to his labor until evening.
- 24 O LORD, how many are Your works!  
In wisdom You have made them all;  
The earth is full of Your possessions.
- 25 There is the sea, great and broad,  
In which are swarms without number,  
Animals both small and great.
- 26 There the ships move along,  
*And* Leviathan, which You have formed to sport in it.
- 27 They all wait for You  
To give them their food in due season.
- 28 You give to them, they gather *it* up;  
You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good.
- 29 You hide Your face, they are dismayed;  
You take away their spirit, they expire  
And return to their dust.
- 30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;  
And You renew the face of the ground.
- 31 Let the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
Let the LORD be glad in His works;
- 32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles;  
He touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
- 34 Let my meditation be pleasing to Him;  
As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth  
And let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

### Make Your Face Shine upon Us (c. 995 – c. 992 BC)

#### Psalm 67

*For the choir director; with stringed instruments.*

#### **A Psalm. A Song.**

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us,  
*And* cause His face to shine upon us— *Selah*.
- 2 That Your way may be known on the earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;  
For You will judge the peoples with uprightness  
And guide the nations on the earth. *Selah*.
- 5 Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You.
- 6 The earth has yielded its produce;  
God, our God, blesses us.
- 7 God blesses us,  
That all the ends of the earth may fear Him.

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